

(5) (a) was there any difference of opinion among the doctors who saw it, as to the cause of death ;

(b) if so, what;

(6) what was the cause of death ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(1) Yes.

(2) Dr. M. I. Koreth, Assistant Surgeon.

(3) Yes.

(4) Both examined the body.

(5) (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(6) Probably from heart failure due to disease of the coronary arteries.

Post-mortems-General Hospital—Dr. T. Gopala Menon.

617. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how many post-mortems have been conducted in the Ernakulam General Hospital since Dr. T. Gopala Menon joined duty in Meenam last after undergoing training in Bacteriology and Bio-chemistry and how many of these were conducted by Dr. T. Gopala Menon;

(b) why, in the teeth of the circular order on the subject and still in force, of the present Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer's predecessor, the lion's share of the work of conducting post-mortems has been, and is being, given to Dr. T. Gopala Menon ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) 23—14.

(b) It is not possible to depute any other officer as the other Assistant Surgeons in the institution are at present being trained in the surgical wards.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—(a). May I know, Sir whether there is anything preventing these Sub-Assistant Surgeons being deputed to conduct these post-mortem examinations.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—As a rule, a doctor who is attending to surgical cases, it is much better for him not to attend to post-mortem cases. It is in the interest of the patient.

Laboratory—Government Hospital.

618. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) how many specimens, each of blood, urine, sputum, stools, etc., have been examined in the Ernakulam General Hospital Laboratory, since Dr. T. Gopala Menon joined duty in

Meenam last, after his training in Bacteriology and Biochemistry;

(b) what sum of money has been realised since then in the shape of fees for examination of specimens of blood, etc., of persons treated or examined privately;

(c) what portion of this amount was credited to Government;

(d) what portion was divided between the Assistant Surgeon in charge of the Laboratory and his Assistants;

(e) whether any and what monthly allowances is being given to the said Assistant Surgeon as compensation for the loss, due to obvious reasons, of his income from private practice?

Dr. D. Rahgavendra Rao.—(a) No statistics are maintained regarding these, since almost all specimens examined in the Laboratory are from the wards of the General Hospital.

(b) No money has been collected.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of the answer to (b).

(e) No allowance is given. Government do not guarantee any income to any officer of this department on account of private practice.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Does the Government think that there is necessity for preserving statistics with regard to sputum, blood, etc?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—At present there is not. It is only a clinical laboratory now. When the bacteriological laboratory is opened this will be taken.

Delivery Cases—General Hospital.

619. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the number of delivery cases in the maternity section of the General Hospital, Ernakulam, from 1st Chingam to 30th Makaram 1107;

(2) the number separately of Cochinites and outsiders among those patients; and

(3) the number separately of (1) Christians (2) Caste-Hindus, (3) Non-caste Hindus exclusive of Depressed class people, (4) Depressed class people (5) Muslims and (6) Jews?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(1) 209.

(2) Cochinites	178
Outsiders	31
(3) Christians	127
Hindus	72
Muslims	3
Jews	7